

Gould House
Parker Hill Road, south
of Springfield
Springfield Vicinity
Windsor County
Vermont

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

GOULD HOUSE

Location: Springfield Vicinity
Windsor County, Vermont (Parker Hill Road, South
of Springfield)

Present Owner: Ralph and Helen M. Baker, Post Office Box #649,
Springfield, Vermont.

Present Occupant: The Owners.

Present Use: Domestic

Brief Statement
of Significance: Restored example of early 19th century brick house.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Original and subsequent owners: Gould (original owner).
2. Date of Erection: c. 1810.
3. Notes on alterations and additions: Kitchen ell to South, perhaps slightly later date. Closet at Left of stairs, new.

B. Important Old Views: Old Photo in house.

C. Sources of Information: Interview with the owners,
Ralph and Helen M. Baker.

D. Likely Sources not yet Investigated:

Springfield Town History.

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement

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1. Overall dimensions: Two stories; center block plus ell - central hall type plan.
 2. Foundations: Granite.
 3. Wall construction: Brick. American bond, nine courses of stretchers to one of headers.
 4. Openings
 - a. Doorways and doors: Five bay front. Entrance door with ovoid fan over side lights. Panelling below side lights. Delicate fluting.
 - b. Windows and shutters: 6/6 double hung on facade. Simple framing. Granite sills on windows and doors. Louvred shutters.
 5. Roof
 - a. Shape - covering: Gable. Slate covering. Ridge pole with up and down sawed rafters. Rafters pegged to ridge pole.
 - b. Cornice, eaves: New.
 - c. Dormers: None.
 6. Chimneys: Originally two at north end. One at south end.
- C. Technical Description of Interior
1. Floor Plan: Central hall does not go through house to rear. One room either side of hall. Second floor now has four bedrooms; originally it had a ball-room across the front.
 2. Stairways: Stairway at right in hall. Original newel and hand rail.
 3. Floor: Pine on spruce, random boards.
 4. Wall and ceiling finish: Plaster, new, mostly.
 5. Doorways and doors: Six-panel doors, known locally as Christian doors.

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6. Trim: Chair rails, panelling below.
7. Hardware: Some original.
8. Lighting: Electric
9. Heating: Central. Seven original mantels.

D. Site

1. Orientation and General Setting: Open - faces east.
2. Outbuildings: Later wood extension to brick ell.
Original kitchen may have been in this brick ell.
3. Landscaping: Shade trees and shrubs.

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